

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1217

To amend parts B and C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend certain savings provisions under the medicare program, as incorporated in the budget submitted by the President for fiscal year 1996.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1995

Mr. BLILEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Parts B and
5 C Administration Budget Savings Extension Act of
6 1995".

1 TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO PART B OF
2 THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

3 SEC. 101. SETTING THE PART B PREMIUM AT 25 PERCENT
4 OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURES PERMA-
5 NENTLY.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1839(a)(3) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)(3)) is amended by strik-
8 ing “The monthly premium” and all that follows through
9 “November 1.” and inserting the following: “The monthly
10 premium shall be equal to 50 percent of the monthly actu-
11 arial rate for enrollees age 65 and over, as determined ac-
12 cording to paragraph (1), for that succeeding calendar
13 year.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1839 of
15 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “(b) and
17 (e)” and inserting “(b), (c), (e), and (f)”;

18 (2) in the last sentence of subsection (a)(3), by
19 striking “and the derivation of the dollar amounts
20 specified in this paragraph”; and

21 (3) in subsection (e)—

22 (A) by striking “(1)(A) Notwithstanding”
23 and all that follows through “(B)”,

24 (B) by striking paragraph (2), and

1 (C) by redesignating clauses (i) through
2 (v) as paragraphs (1) through (5).

3 TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELATING TO PARTS A
4 AND B OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

5 SEC. 201. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF CERTAIN SECOND-
6 ARY PAYER PROVISIONS.

7 (a) DATA MATCH.—Section 1862(b)(5)(C) of the So-
8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(5)(C)) is amended
9 by striking clause (iii).

10 (b) APPLICATION TO DISABLED INDIVIDUALS IN
11 LARGE GROUP HEALTH PLANS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1862(b)(1)(B) of
13 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(1)(B))
14 is amended—

15 (A) in clause (i), by striking “clause (iv)”
16 and inserting “clause (iii)”,

17 (B) by striking clause (iii), and

18 (C) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause
19 (iii).

20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraphs
21 (1) through (3) of section 1837(i) of such Act (42
22 U.S.C. 1395p(i)) and the second sentence of section
23 1839(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(b)) are each
24 amended by striking “1862(b)(1)(B)(iv)” each place
25 it appears and inserting “1862(b)(1)(B)(iii)”.

1 (c) PERIOD OF APPLICATION TO INDIVIDUALS WITH
2 END STAGE RENAL DISEASE.—Section 1862(b)(1)(C) of
3 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(1)(C)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “12-
6 month” each place it appears and inserting “18-
7 month”, and

8 (2) by striking the second sentence.

9 **SEC. 202. MAINTAINING SAVINGS RESULTING FROM TEM-**
10 **PORARY FREEZE ON PAYMENT INCREASES**
11 **FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES.**

12 (a) BASING UPDATES TO PER VISIT COST LIM-
13 ITS ON LIMITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993.—Section
14 1861(v)(1)(L)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1395x(v)(1)(L)(iii)) is amended by adding at the end the
16 following sentence: “In establishing limits under this sub-
17 paragraph, the Secretary may not take into account any
18 changes in the costs of the provision of services furnished
19 by home health agencies with respect to cost reporting pe-
20 riods which began on or after July 1, 1994, and before
21 July 1, 1996.”.

22 (b) NO EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED BASED ON AMEND-
23 MENT.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services
24 shall not consider the amendment made by subsection (a)

1 in making any exemptions and exceptions pursuant to sec-
2 tion 1861(v)(1)(L)(ii) of the Social Security Act.

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